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Gibraltar, December 27. *N. S.*

ON the 9th Inſtant the Tranſport-ſhips, having on board the Battalion of *Engliſh* Foot-Guards, the Earl of *Barrymore*'s and the Earl of *Donnegal*'s Regiments of Foot, and a Battalion of *Dutch* Foot, ſailed out of the River of *Lisbon*, under Convoy of the *Antelope*, *Greenwich*, *Newcaſtle*, and *Roebuck* Men of War; but meeting for the moſt part with calm Weather and contrary Winds, the Fleet came not within ſight of Cape *Spartel* before the 17th, when, about Day-break, they diſcovered the *French* Fleet commanded by the Sieur *Pointy*, conſiſting of 23 Sail; but the Sea being calm, the two Fleets could not come near enough to diſtinguiſh one another perfectly till about 3 in the Afternoon, when the Enemy, who till then had appeared under *Engliſh* and *Dutch* Colours, putting up *French* Colours, all our Ships had their Boats immediately towing a head; and being favoured by the Calm, endeavoured moſt of them to gain the *Streights mouth*. The *Antelope*, commanded by Captain *Legg*, the Commadore, was the foremoſt of the Fleet; and about 11 at Night a *French* Man of War of 80 Guns came within Musket-ſhot along her ſide, but ſuffered her to tow off quietly. The next Morning ſhe arrived in our Bay. The Fleet under the Command of Vice-Admiral *Leake*, endeavouring about 3 or 4 days before to go out of the *Streights-mouth*, with a Deſign to meet the Succours, was forced back by the Current and contrary Winds on the Coaſt of *Barbary*. Seven of the Tranſports, that had got ſafe thro' the Enemy's Fleet, came to an Anchor in the Bay on the 19th in the Morning; and the *Newcaſtle* Man of War, with 8 more, arrived the next day. All the Guards are come entirely, and moſt of the other Succours; ſo that here are landed 1500 effective private Men, beſides Officers; and the Marines in Gariſon are about 1000. The 22d at Night a Sally was made with 200 Men, who were received at the head of the Enemy's Trenches by a Party of the Enemy's Horſe, whom they attacked and routed, and afterwards burnt and deſtroyed the Gabions and Faſcines of their neareſt Works: We had about 20 Men killed and wounded in this Action. The Enemies are fortifying their Trenches, and fire but very ſeldom from their Batteries. It is ſaid, their Guns are moſt of them ſpoilt, and that they want Ammunition.

Gibraltar, Jan. 6. *N. S.* On the 31ſt paſt a Deſerter came over to us from the Enemy, who reports, That they are not above 7000 ſtrong, and do not ſeem to be in a Diſpoſition to attack us; and that we have killed abundance of their Men. The Night following the Enemy was alarmed, and under Arms all Night. We play upon them from our Batteries, and have thrown ſome Bombs with good Succeſs into their Trenches; and now we annoy them with Stones out of our Mortars, and with our ſmall Arms, which do good Execution, and that with the Loſs of very few Men on our ſide. Brigadier-General *Shrimpton* is made Governor of this Town and Gariſon; and the Prince of *Heſſe* has given him a Commiſſion of Major-General of the King of *Spain*'s Forces. His Highneſs has given a like Commiſſion to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Donnegall*. Sir *John Leake* ſailed hence the 3d Inſtant for *Lisbon*.

Lisbon, January 29. *N. S.* The King of *Portugal* is at preſent pretty well recovered of his late Indiſpoſition. The Squadron of *Engliſh* and *Dutch* Men of War commanded by Sir *John Leake* is lately arrived here from *Gibraltar*.

Vienna, January 24. General Heiſter marched the 19th Inſtant from the Banks of the River Waag to Poſing, where he expects to be ſhortly joined by the Regiments that are marching from Bavaria to reinforce his Army. There is a Report, That 500 Germans, who were in Gariſon at Eperies, having ſurrendred to the Malecontents, upon Condition that they ſhould be conducted to Presbourg, have been put to the Sword contrary to the Capitulation; which is ſaid to have happened near Boinitz, two days after the Advantage which General Heiſter lately gained over the Malecontents near Tirnau. About 700 Horſes were ſent from hence two days ago to remount the Imperial Troops in Hungary.

Berlin, January 31. The King of *Pruſſia* is at preſent at *Oranienbourg*, but intends the 3d of the next Month to remove to *Potſdam*. The Emperor's Reſident having received yeſterday an Expreſs from *Vienna*, with Orders to aſſure this Court of the Emperor's fix'd Reſolution to perform in all Points what has been ſtipulated on his behal' in the Treaty which was lately concluded here by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, he went immediately to Court to acquaint his *Pruſſian* Majeſty therewith. The States General have writ a Letter to the King, exhorting him to purſue the great Advantages gained over the Common Enemy the laſt Campaign, by compleating his Forces, and bringing them into the Field early in the Spring: To which his Majeſty has returned an Anſwer, aſſuring them of his conſtant Zeal for the Common Cauſe of *Europe*; as an Inſtance of which, his Troops are all marching towards the Empire. Letters from *Dreſden* ſay, That the *Swediſh* Forces being poſted along the Frontier of *Sileſia*, in order to intercept the King of *Poland* in his Return to *Cracow*, he had put off till the latter end of the next Month the meeting of the Chief of his Nobility which is to be held there, it being expected that by that time the *Muſcovites* with a powerful Army will make ſuch a Diverſion, as will oblige the *Swedes* to draw their Forces another way; and then his Majeſty intends to follow them with his Troops out of *Saxony*, which he is augmenting by new Levies with all poſſible Expedition.

Hague, Febr. 6 *N. S.* The States of *Holland* and *Weſtfrizeland* are now aſſembled, and have under Conſideration divers Matters relating to the Sea Service the next Summer. The Chevalier *Riedt*, Gentleman of the Chamber to the Elector of *Hanover*, arrived here yeſterday from thence, being ſent Expreſs by his Electoral Highneſs to the Prince Royal of *Pruſſia*, with an Account of the Death of the Queen his Mother, who died at *Hanover* after 5 days Illneſs. His Royal Highneſs being extreamly afflicted therewith, intends, as is ſaid, to return ſuddenly to *Berlin*. There is a Report, That the Gariſon of *Verue* has made a ſecond Sally, with as great Vigour and Succeſs as that of the 26th of *December*. Other Advices make no mention of it, but ſay, That the Duke *de Vendoſme* intends to turn that Siege into a Blockade, in order to favour an Attack which the *French* deſign to make on the Towns of *Nice* and *Villa-Franca*. Letters from *Paris* of the 2d of *February* ſay, That upon the Repreſentations which Monſieur *Pointy* had made to the Court at *Madrid*, of

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